

Nature Center Activities

Turkey Run State Park

Monday, September 29

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Help stock our wildlife observation area with seed and suet, and then watch the action through the windows as they eat.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Discover the joys of stargazing during a free 40-minute tour of tonight's skies. Constellations, legends, planets, shooting stars and more! Nature Center.

Tues & Wed, Sep't. 30 & October 1
Nature Center CLOSED

Thursday & Friday, October 2-3
Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Saturday, October 4

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

***7:30am Early Bird Hike** – Meet in front of the Inn for an early morning 1-2 hour saunter to observe what's still migrating through & what's here to stay. Come early to try a spotting scope and ass'd. binoculars. Free coffee, hot chocolate & granola bars.

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See above.

10-11am Build A Birdfeeder – Make a feeder your winter birds will love! Nature Center

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.
Reservations recommended. Nature Center.

***3pm Lusk Home Tour** – Gather in the Lusk Home basement for a guided 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. Hear the legends and enjoy a peek into the private lives of the Salmon Lusk family. Warning: lots of standing and stairs. Cellar doors open at 2:45pm.

Sunday, October 5

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above.

***11am Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing.
Meet at the Home. Cellar door open at 10:45am.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous.

Mon, Thurs & Fri, October 6, 9-10
Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Tues & Wed, October 7-8
Nature Center CLOSED

Saturday, October 11
Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See above.

10:30-11:30am Weaving Made Simple – Discover an easy way to make beautiful textiles using an ancient technique. Ages 8 & up. Free. Nature Center.
2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.
Reservations recommended. Nature Center.

3pm Leave No Trace Workshop – Do you enjoy hiking, backpacking or camping? Then you won't want to miss this unique opportunity to learn how to maximize your outdoor fun while minimizing your impact on the earth. Master educator Bill Houk will take you through a fun and interactive 1-hour workshop and has special gifts for all participants.

***7:30pm Evening Canyon Stroll** – Meet in front of the Inn to take a walk through time. Tour deep canyons, an old cabin and log church, and discover the amazing story of one of Indiana's 1st State Parks. 1-hour moderately-rugged hike.

Hoosier Quest Program

Earn patches, certificates, pins & more while exploring our State's parks & reservoirs. Individual & family programs. Sign up at the Nature Center.

Sunday, October 12

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Monday, October 13

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2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Tues & Wed, October 14-15
Nature Center CLOSED

Thursday, October 16

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

***3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing.
Meet at the Home. Cellar door open at 2:45pm.

7pm Volunteers In Parks - Gather in the Dogwood Room at the INN to attend the monthly meeting of the Friends of Turkey Run and Shades State Parks. Enjoy an entertaining program. Then stick around to see what our hard working volunteers are up to these days. If you'd like to volunteer at Shades and Turkey Run, this is a good way to get started & a great way to make some new like-minded friends!

Friday, October 17

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Saturday, October 18

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous.

10am-12pm Stop At The Top – Stop above the 70-steps (Suspension Bridge) to meet some local wildlife. Touching is encouraged!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.
Reservations recommended. Nature Center.

***3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing.
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***7:30pm Night Hike** – Feeling brave? Hike into the woods in the dark to experience the natural world after the sun goes down. Bring a flashlight, and plan to have a LOT of fun! 1-hour moderate walk.

Sunday, October 19

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above.

***10:30am Sunday Stroll** – Peek into scenic canyons, Sugar Creek and the autumn woods during a 1-hour easy walk with a naturalist. Strollers, kids and dogs welcome. Meet in front of the INN.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous

***Healthy Parks–Healthy People: Get “INShape” with us, or discover how to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.**

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Tues & Wed, October 21-22
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2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Friday, October 24
Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT
10am Help Feed The Birds – See above.
2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Saturday, October 25
Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT
9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous.
10:30am Spooky Sights & Sounds – Gather in the haunted auditorium at the nature center to see and hear scary sounds of nature – scary until you know what they are, that is! This fun, interactive 40-minute program is for the kid in all of us.
2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.
Reservations recommended. Nature Center.

Children 13 years or younger must be with an adult at interpretive programs.

Halloween Camping Weekend

Friday & Saturday, October 24-25
See separate flyer for a whole host of fabulously scary activities.
COSTUMES HAUNTED TRAIL PRIZES
PUMPKINS MONSTER EGG HUNT



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2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous.

Tues & Wed, October 28-29
Nature Center CLOSED

Thursday, October 30
Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT
10am Help Feed The Birds – See above.
2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Friday, October 31
Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT
10am Help Feed The Birds – See above.
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2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous.

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For future interpretive programs, visit
<http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/12066.htm>